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Regarding the DOJ antitrust settlement recently negotiated with Microsoft, and accepted by nine states thus far, I would simply like to say that I am very supportive of the plan as I understand it, and am very embarrassed that my state, Kansas, continues to be one of the few states left to oppose the settlement. I like and value Microsoft as a company and as an industry leader ; I believe that they are very competitive and strive always to develop and promote their products, which I appreciate and will continue to buy. While I have grown to admire Microsoft as a well-managed, innovative company, I have grown very weary of all of the whining from its' competitors (esp. AOL, Sun, Oracle....);the settlement seems to be a very good attempt at moving on past this long, tedious antitrust battle, and , if everyone would just agree to move on , could help in invigorating the economy and the stock market. I do not believe that this settlement is "too weak" and lenient toward Microsoft; they have agreed to significant concessions, and appear to honestly be ready to end this saga and return to normal life without the shadow of litigation. Thanks to all of the DOJ attorneys , and the mediator ,as well as Judge Collen Kollar-Kotelly for the fair and neutral way in which this settlement has been conducted thus far. Although I am strongly Democratic, I am sorry that the Clinton administration ever supported this antitrust case in the beginning; I believe that I represent many, many Americans when I urge you to continue to press toward final settlement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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